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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

MAURY AUDET

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2010.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 20, 21, 23 and 25 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 and 24 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/23/10, 7/27/07, 7/19/07
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group III, claims 20-29, as drawn to the elected peptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-5, in the reply filed on 4/30/10 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the groups should be kept together under Rule 13.2. This is not found persuasive because, as provided in the restriction, Rule 13.2 permits a combination of a single product, single method of use ("an independent claim for ... a use", not more than one independent claim for more than one use), and a single method of making; but not more than one of any of the three. Here Applicant is claiming two entirely distinct methods of use: treating any condition associated with neovascularization v. treating any cancer.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Objections

Claims 26-29 are objected to because of the following informalities: the kits are drawn to both product subject matter and method of use subject matter (a different group that is withdrawn). The latter of which is not subject matter examined on the merits based on the election; the intended use of a product does not bear patentable weight on said product. Applicant is asked to consider amending the four kit claims into a single claim (cancelling the rest):

"26. (Currently Amended) A kit comprising (a) a composition comprising a peptide with an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1-5 and (b) instructions for administration of said composition."

[The methods of use may be rejoined and fully examined on the merits at a later time (under *In re Ochiai*), should Applicant so desire (and any intended use language found allowable as a method of use, reincorporate into the kits, if desired).]

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 2nd

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 22 and 24 the terms/phrase "modification" and "comprises one more D form amino acids" are indefinite. What modification? Where? Likewise, which amino acids are to be put into D amino form? In both cases, how and where can such modifications to be made, such that the utility of the peptide is maintained. The Examiner was unable to find a definition for each that answered the issues raised under indefiniteness.

Applicant may wish to consider cancelling claims 22 and 24, without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-21, 23, and 25, as drawn to compositions comprising SEQ ID NOS: 1-5 were not found to be reasonably taught or suggested by the prior art of record, based on the ABSS sequence search of the relevant databases for SEQ ID NOS: 1-5.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAURY AUDET whose telephone number is (571)272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MA, 7/19/2010

/Maury Audet/
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